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The Newest Vital Sign Assessment

Nutrition Facts

Serving Size $\frac{1}{2}$ cup
 Servings per container 4

Amount per serving

Calories 250 Fat Cal 120

%DV

Total Fat 13g 20%

Sat Fat 9g 40%

Cholesterol 28mg 12%

Sodium 55mg 2%

Total Carbohydrate 30g 12%

Dietary Fiber 2g

Sugars 23g

Protein 4g 8%

*Percentage Daily Values (DV) are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs.

Ingredients: Cream, Skim Milk, Liquid Sugar, Water, Egg Yolks, Brown Sugar, Milkfat, Peanut Oil, Sugar, Butter, Salt, Carrageenan, Vanilla Extract.

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Score Sheet for the Newest Vital Sign Questions and Answers

READ TO SUBJECT:

This information is on the back of a container of a pint of ice cream.

1. If you eat the entire container, how many calories will you eat?
Answer: 1,000 is the only correct answer
2. If you are allowed to eat 60 grams of carbohydrates as a snack, how much ice cream could you have?
Answer: Any of the following is correct: 1 cup (or any amount up to 1 cup), half the container. Note: If patient answers "two servings," ask "How much ice cream would that be if you were to measure it into a bowl?"
3. Your doctor advises you to reduce the amount of saturated fat in your diet. You usually have 42 g of saturated fat each day, which includes one serving of ice cream. If you stop eating ice cream, how many grams of saturated fat would you be consuming each day?
Answer: 33 is the only correct answer
4. If you usually eat 2,500 calories in a day, what percentage of your daily value of calories will you be eating if you eat one serving?
Answer: 10% is the only correct answer

READ TO SUBJECT:

Pretend that you are allergic to the following substances: penicillin, peanuts, latex gloves, and bee stings.

5. Is it safe for you to eat this ice cream?
Answer: No
6. (Ask only if the patient responds “no” to question 5): Why not?
Answer: Because it has peanut oil.

Number of correct answers:

ANSWER CORRECT?	
yes	no

Interpretation

Score of 0-1 suggests high likelihood (50% or more) of limited literacy.

Score of 2-3 indicates the possibility of limited literacy.

Score of 4-6 almost always indicates adequate literacy.